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(ii) G.O. No. 474, dated 15th March 1933, directing an imposition of a flat water-rate of Rs. 7–8–0 per acre on second-crop lands; and

(iii) G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district and increasing the rate of land revenue on the major portion of the wet lands in that district by more than Re. 1 per acre should be cancelled; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to take action thereon; and if so, what action?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 737.

Provincial Gazetteers

Arrangements for editing the gazetteers.

* 739 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the work of the gazetteers was entrusted to the late Mr. J. J. Cotton, I.C.S.;

(*b*) for how long Mr. J. J. Cotton was in charge of the office of Editor of the Gazetteers;

(*c*) for how many districts he was entrusted with the duty of revising the gazetteers;

(*d*) for what districts there are no gazetteers at all;

(*e*) what the strength was of the establishment sanctioned to him;

(*f*) what the arrangement is for editing gazetteers after Mr. J. J. Cotton's death;

(*g*) what the progress made by Mr. J. J. Cotton was in the preparation of the gazetteers (i.e., in what stage he left the work when he died); and

(*h*) who the present Editor of the Gazetteers is and what the strength of the present establishment is and what the qualifications are of the head clerk of the special staff?

A.—(*a*) 1st July 1926.

(*b*) Until his death on 20th June 1927.

(*c*) The following duties were entrusted to him:—

(i) Preparation of gazetteers of the following districts:—

Ganjam,	North Arcot,
West Godavari,	Ramnad,
Kistna,	Chittoor,
Kurnool,	Guntur and
Chingleput,	Nellore.

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(ii) Preparation of supplementary chapters embodying additions and alterations to the text of the Gazetteers or District Manuals of the following districts for which Gazetteers or District Manuals exist:—

The Nilgiris,	Malabar,
Cuddapah,	Tanjore,
Bellary,	Tinnevelly,
Anantapur,	East Godavari,
Madura,	Vizagapatam,
Trichinopoly,	Coimbatore and
Salem,	South Kanara.
South Arcot,	

(iii) Compilation of Statistical Appendices for all districts except Madras.

(*d*) Gazetteers or District Manuals exist for all districts, except Madras, West Godavari, Guntur, Chittoor and Ramnad.

(*e*) One Personal Assistant on Rs. 400.

One Statistical Assistant on Rs. 400.

One head clerk on Rs. 100.

Two clerks on Rs. 50 each.

One attender on Rs. 20.

Five peons on Rs. 18 each.

(*f*) The preparation of Gazetteers for the districts mentioned in item (i) in the answer to clause (*c*) except Nellore was dropped. The remaining items of work were entrusted to the Personal Assistant who now continues to do the work under the supervision of the Board of Revenue. When the Personal Assistant gets matter ready, the Board sends it to the Collector of the district concerned for scrutiny and approval.

(*g*) Mr. J. J. Cotton had written drafts for eight chapters of the Nellore Gazetteer.

(*h*) There is no Editor of Gazetteers. The present establishment consists of one Personal Assistant on Rs. 400, a clerk on Rs. 60, a steno-typist on Rs. 40 and two peons on Rs. 18 each. There is no head clerk. This staff works under the Board of Revenue.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether, beyond writing a few chapters on Nellore in the Gazetteer, any other work was done during the last nine years? "

* The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" Yes, but I must ask for notice of the question, if the hon. Member wants detailed information."